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Ms. Gayla Benefield, Chair Libby Area Technical Assistance Group, Inc. P.O. Box 53 Libby, MT 59923

> Re: Draft Sampling and Analysis Plan for Outdoor Ambient Air Monitoring at the Libby Asbestos Site

Dear Ms. Benefield:

On behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 (EPA) I am pleased to transmit the enclosed document, "Draft Sampling and Analysis Plan for Outdoor Ambient Air Monitoring at the Libby Asbestos Site, Libby, Montana" (Ambient Air SAP). The document was developed by EPA to guide the collection of data on levels of Libby amphibole in outdoor ambient air within the commercial and residential areas of Libby. EPA identified the need for this information during our development of the conceptual site model for Operable Unit 4 (OU4), transmitted to you in July, 2006.

EPA would like to offer you an opportunity to review the enclosed document. If you have any comments, we request that you provide them by September 15, 2006. You may send your comments to me by letter or email them to lavelle.bonita@epa.gov. All written comments will be considered by EPA in the development of the final version of the document and will also be incorporated into the administrative record for OU4.

We look forward to working with you on the development of the final Ambient Air SAP and on its implementation. If you have any questions about the document, please don't hesitate to call me at (303)312-6579 or Paul Peronard at (303)312-6808.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Lavelle

Remedial Project Manager

Enclosure

cc (w/enclosure): Dr. Gerry Henningsen

